

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, § 62-7 RELATING TO PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS AND ARTICLE II, § 99-14 RELATING TO FEES FOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED THAT IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF SUSSEX COUNTY, IT IS NECESSARY TO REVISE THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING SAID FEES TO THE AMOUNTS THAT CURRENTLY REFLECT THE COUNTY'S CURRENT COSTS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES IDENTIFIED HEREIN.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 62-7. Fees for permits and applications.

The schedule of fees for permits and applications for buildings and the like shall be as hereinafter indicated:

A. Building and zoning permits. **Amended 4-7-1992 by Ord. No. 822**

- (1) The fee charged for permits shall be based upon standard construction values for the type of construction as provided by Marshall Swift, or modified by the Building Official, as defined in Chapter 52 of the Sussex County Code, for particular applicability to Sussex County. Standard construction values shall be revised in January of each year to reflect changes in construction prices indices. The Building Official shall acquire input and shall consult with local building industry representatives prior to the termination of the standard construction values.
- (2) Seven dollars and fifty cents for the first thousand; \$3 for each thousand thereafter for properties not within incorporated municipalities that have their own Zoning Code.
- (3) Five dollars for the first thousand; \$2 for each thousand thereafter for properties within incorporated municipalities that have their own Zoning Code.

B. Manufactured home placement permits. **Amended 3-21-1995 by Ord. No. 1016**

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- (2) Five dollars for the first thousand; \$2 for each thousand thereafter for properties within incorporated municipalities that have their own Zoning Code.
- C. Sign permits: \$7.50.
- D. Board of Adjustment.
 - (1) Special use exception for mobile homes: \$[150.] \$400.
 - (2) Other special use exceptions: \$[150.] \$400.
 - (3) Variances: \$[150.] \$400.
- E. Change of zone: \$[300.] \$500.
- F. Conditional use: [300.] \$500.
- G. Demolition fee: no charge.
- H. Site plan review fee.
 - (1) Multifamily residential: \$50 minimum, plus \$2 per dwelling unit in excess of 10 dwelling units.
 - (2) Commercial: \$50 minimum, plus \$2 per 1,000 square feet in excess of 4,000 square feet of gross floor area, including outside sales display and storage area.
 - (3) Industrial and private institutional: \$50 minimum, plus \$2 per 1,000 square feet in excess of 4,000 square feet of gross floor area, including outside sales display and storage area.
 - (4) Mobile home parks and parks or campgrounds for mobile campers and tent camping: \$50 minimum; plus \$2 per site in excess of 10 mobile home or camp sites.
- [I. Building Code inspection fees:
 - (1) Foundation inspection: \$25.
 - (2) Framing inspection (per unit): \$25.
 - (3) Final inspection (per unit): \$25.
 - (4) Motel and hotel (per unit): \$10.]

§ 99-14 Fees. Amended 6-5-2001 by Ord. No. 1463

Fees to partially cover the cost of considering, examining and checking the plats required herein and for recording the final plat shall be collected at the time of filing the plans in accordance with the following schedule of charges:

- A. A fee of \$[300] \$500 shall accompany an application under this chapter, and the subdivider shall also reimburse the County prior to any public hearing for the cost of preparing and giving of notice.
- B. Final plat.
 - (1) Ten dollars per lot.
 - (2) For each individual copy (one sheet) of the final plat to be recorded: The Sussex County Recorder of Deeds fee shall be paid by the subdivider.

Synopsis: This amendment revises the fee schedule for building and zoning permits and subdivisions to bring them in line with the County's current costs of taking applications, issuing permits and holding hearings before the Board of Adjustment, Planning & Zoning Commission and County Council and approving subdivision plats.